



St. Patrick's Catholic School News

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**Thursday 29th June
2017**

Acting Principal: Cass Sutton.
Assistant Principal: Marcus Oxenham.
Director of Religious Studies: Gabrielle Balemi.
Office Staff: Nicky McDaid.
Bursar/ Accounts: Fiona Perry
Parish Priest: Fr Joe Stack.
BOT Chairperson: Lorraine Kendrick.

Kia ora Parents, Guardians and Children,

The Virtue for this week is:
Respect Creativity



"Take good care of creation. St Francis wanted that. People occasionally forgive, but nature never does. If we don't take care of the environment, there's no way of getting around it."

Pope Francis

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION

This Sunday July 2nd these children make their First Holy Communion and will be confirmed.

Finn Blackwell, Teyani Fairgray, Max and Blake Eyre, Jasper Freeman, Aimee Jenson, Flynn Madsen, Jack McGrail, Azaaliyah O'Donnell, Sean Osborne, Josh Singh, Fernando Cantor, Jacob Young, Harry Walkinshaw, Max and Quinn Wilson. Lochlain Gaines and Abbey Jensen are being confirmed.

Come along to support and celebrate with them. You may want to join our class for 2018.

Please meet before Mass at 10am this Sunday in Room 9, children and sponsors only.

Please check the online version of the school calendar by following the link: http://www.stpatta.co.nz/1/embedded_items/1-school-calendar as this is updated as events or changes come.



JOIN US ON FACEBOOK....

To find us following the link...

<https://www.facebook.com/stpatsteawamutu>
TERM DIARY

WK 9	Fri 30 th June: Bishop Steve is visiting. Class Mass Rooms 3 and 4 Blessing of the Sick 2pm Rm 10 Sun 2 nd June: 1 st Communion 10.30 – 11.30am
WK 10	Mon 3 rd July: Prayer Assembly 8.55am Science Fair Week Parent Interviews C.L.H Tues 4 th July: Science Fair 3.30 – 6pm in Hall Parent Teacher interviews 1.30 – 6pm. Wed 5 th July: Parent Teacher interviews 1.30 – 6pm. Thurs 6 th July: YR7/8 Tech at Intermediate. Fri 7 th July: Whole School Assembly 2.00pm in Hall Last Day of School Sat 8 th July: North Island Cycling Champs – Mighty River Domain, Lake Karapiro

Receptionist

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School is looking for a fantastic receptionist with an absolute focus on customer service. Reporting to the Executive Officer, the receptionist will manage the reception area and provide support to ensure the administration of the school is efficient, effective and seamless for both our staff and parent community. Must be digitally competent, experience in receipting payments and general administration required. Ability to maintain confidentiality essential. 15 hrs per week term time with potential additional hours for specific projects. Send covering letter and CV to the principal (principal@stpatta.co.nz). Applications close on 30 June 2017. For a copy of the job description go to stpatta.co.nz.

BISHOP STEVE:

We will be welcoming Bishop Steve to our school on Friday 30th July 2017. Bishop Steve will be celebrating Mass with Rooms 3 and 4 at 9.15am and will be in the school for the rest of the day.

FINANCIAL SITUATION

Thank you to all those people who have paid their accounts. If you have not yet done so could you please do so as soon as possible. If you have any queries please contact Mrs Fiona Perry, our current School Executive Officer, by ringing the school, 8714669 ext 223, sending her an email on accounts1@stpatta.co.nz or popping in. A reminder that activities, uniforms etc can no longer be put on account. This is especially important for the families of our Yr 7 and 8 students who begin Technology at Te Awamutu Intermediate next Thursday. Mr Oxenham has sent home a notice today about the requirements and costs involved.

MATHLETICS

We have been investigating ways in which we can improve the performance of students in Mathematics. All of the students at St Patrick's are involved in using Mathletics to help support the development of knowledge in Maths. To help fund more devices students can use in class to access tools like Mathletics, we are running our 3rd "Mathathon". The aim of the Mathathon is for students to get as many correct answers to Maths questions over a set period of time and to seek sponsorship for their efforts.

All funds raised this year will be used to purchase more devices (chromebooks or iPads) for class use.

All students who earn \$40 or more in sponsorship will go in a draw to win a prize. This year we have iTunes gift cards, clothing, toys, sporting goods, a chromecast, and more!!

Watch out for sponsorship forms coming home on Monday next week!

REMINDER: Please email any absentees and messages to office@stpatta.co.nz to ensure the office staff get all messages.

CLASS PHOTOS:

Class orders will be combined with the family photos in August, and will come online then. You will be informed when they are live.

Uniforms: If anyone has placed an order for school socks, they are in the school office if you would like to come and collect them.

MID YEAR REPORTING

Conferences will be held on Monday 3rd and Tuesday July 4th and Wednesday July 5th. We will send out an email when bookings are available online.

FAREWELL GIFT

The students and teachers have created a book of memories for Mr Belzacki if you would like to write a note in it the book it is in school office.

Sacramental Programme Dates – 2017

Celebration of Sacraments Sunday 2nd July at 10.30am Mass. Children to be in Room 9 with their sponsor by 10am please.



Hello from the Mobile Dental Team

The dental team are planning to be at St Patrick's School starting on Monday 24th July 2017 for approximately 10 weeks.

As part of our prevention program, parents/caregivers are invited to attend with their children for their dental appointment. At this appointment your children's teeth will be checked. We will assist you and your child with information to maintain and improve oral health. If you would like to attend with your child/children please call us now on our appointment line 07 8599160 or email admindental@waikatodhb.health.nz to make an appointment with our team on mobile dental unit 4. If you are unable to attend, your child will still be seen as normal from school and will be issued with consent forms/information. Could you please promptly return any forms that require your signature. As part of our new bookings/appointment system, all children will be allocated an appointment time prior to being seen. A text message reminder will be sent prior to the appointment. Parents are welcome to attend if they are able. All attempts will be made to see your child at their allocated time, occasionally due to school events your child's appointment may need to be rescheduled.

We are looking forward to seeing you,

Yours sincerely

Kris Belfield

Roz Dodunski

Beth Cameron

Kerryn Sinclair

Dental Therapists and Dental Assistants.

Drama

We have a drama teacher, Kenzie Larsen, who is keen to offer drama lessons to pupils at St Patrick's. Lessons would cost \$10.00 per lesson (45 minutes for Seniors, 30 minutes for Juniors). If you are interested please contact Kenzie on 0272727849 or email her on <ijack@xtra.co.nz>

PTA NEWS

LUNCHES ARE ON AGAIN...!!

Please ensure forms are filled in correctly with **NAME** and **CLASS**.

ALL orders are to be in by **Thursday 3pm each week. LATE ORDERS will not be accepted.**

Contact Tania on 0275360492/ tania.penliz@gmail.com if you have any queries regarding the PTA.

SPORTS NEWS

Netball :

The Draw is available:

<http://www.sportsground.co.nz/teawamutunetball/24033/> and the local Courier.

God Bless

Cass Sutton
Acting Principal

ST PATRICK'S PARISH NEWS

St Patrick's Catholic Church - Te Awamutu

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Parish Priest: Fr Joe Stack

Email: parishpriest@stpatta.org.nz



Mass Times

Weekday Masses see Parish Newsletter

Saturday (Sat Vigil) 5pm St Patrick's Te
Awamutu

Sunday Masses

Trinity Sunday

9:30am St George's Te Kuiti

10:30am St Patrick's Te Awamutu

11:30am Our Lady of the Sacred Heart
Otorohanga

Sunday's Gospel Reading: Matthew 10: 37-42

SLEEP

Ages Birth to 12 Years

Sleep is one of the most important contributors to your child's physical and mental health. Good sleep habits, sleep hygiene, or "sleep health" are alternative terms often used to describe sleep promoting practices. The explanation as to why healthy sleep practices promote sleep is likely to be, at least in part, that they work by improving the regulation of sleep, either by reinforcing the body's natural circadian rhythms (ie, timing of light and darkness), or by increasing the drive to sleep. Other sleep practices help us to associate certain activities (like a bedtime routine) and environments (ie, the bedroom) with sleep. Healthy sleep behaviors also promote sleep by reducing factors in the environment which are stimulating (like caffeine) and increasing relaxation, making it easier to fall and stay asleep. Finally, good sleep practices include providing an adequate opportunity for sleep based on age and individual sleep needs and an environment that is conducive to good sleep quality and safety.

1. Make sure your child gets enough sleep by setting an age-appropriate bedtime (preferably before 9:00 pm or 21:00 hours) and waketime*.
2. Keep a consistent bedtime and waketime on weekdays and weekends.
3. Establish a consistent bedtime routine and recommend wearing comfortable clothes in bed, including strong absorbing diapers for infants.
4. Encourage your child to fall asleep independently.
5. Avoid bright lights at bedtime and during the night and increase light exposure in the morning.
6. Keep all electronics, including televisions, computers, and cell phones, out of the bedroom and limit use of electronics before bedtime.
7. Maintain a regular daily schedule, including consistent mealtimes.
8. Have an age-appropriate nap schedule.
9. Ensure plenty of exercise and time spent outdoors during the day.
10. Eliminate foods and beverages containing caffeine, including many sodas, coffee, and tea.

* TABLE OF RECOMMENDED SLEEP AMOUNTS

AGE	SLEEP NEED
3-12 months —	14 to15 hours
1-3 years —	12 to14 hours
3-5 years —	11 to 13 hours
6-12 years —	10 to 11 hours
12-18 years —	8.5 to 9.5 hours